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Primary Care Network (PCN) Accepting Applications Through Nov. 30 ***State Program Offers Preventive Health Care Services to All Uninsured Adults***

SALT LAKE CITY – All uninsured adults are now eligible to apply for Primary Care Network (PCN) health care services. The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) announces it has expanded eligibility guidelines to include adults with no dependent children. In previous months, federal funding restricted PCN enrollment to adults with minor children living at home. Eligible adults have through Thursday, November 30 to apply online, by mail or in person to receive primary health care.

“Having access to basic health care is critical to the quality of life of Utah citizens,” said Nathan Checketts, bureau director for the Primary Care Network, UDOH. “We are pleased to be able to offer this affordable program to all qualified low-income adults who are currently uninsured,” he added.

PCN offers preventive health services such as immunizations, four prescriptions a month, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, and dental check-ups. To qualify for benefits, individuals must be between the ages of 19 and 64, be either a U.S. citizen or a legal resident, and be uninsured. Individuals must also fit within PCN income guidelines, based on household income and family size. For example, a family of two with a monthly income of less than \$1,650 may qualify for PCN benefits.

Eligible adults must apply for PCN before the end of the open enrollment period, November 30, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

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To enroll in PCN, or find out if you qualify for services, visit www.health.utah.gov/pcn or contact the Utah Department of Health at 1-888-222-2542. More details and examples of income guidelines are available online at www.health.utah.gov/pcn.

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